

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE

MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST EVERETT, WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 06-05-16-02

National Forest System Roads

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (b), the following acts are prohibited upon the North Fork Skykomish Road #6300 and all spur roads adjacent to North Fork Skykomish Road #63 on the Skykomish Ranger District within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest as described below and shown in Exhibit A. This Order will be effective beginning June 22, 2016 and ending June 21, 2018.

PROHIBITION:

1. Using any type of vehicle prohibited by this order. [36 CFR § 261.54 (a)]

This order prohibits all motorized equipment and motor vehicle use in the closure area year round (subject to exceptions described below). The closure area consists of the North Fork Skykomish Road #6300, and all spurs roads located between the junction of Forest Road #6300 and Forest Road #6500, to the end of Forest Road #6300 at the North Fork Trailhead Complex. Closure area is in T28N, R11E, Sections 24, 25 and T28N, R12E, Sections 7, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Everett, Washington this 21st day of June 2016.

JAMIE KINGSBURY

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Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Violations of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC § 551; 18 USC § 3559 and 18USC § 3571).

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

<u>Prohibition Objective:</u> The closure of the roadways to public access is necessary to reduce further environmental damage to forest resources, and to ensure public health and safety where flood damage has occurred to roads to the point that general vehicular access is unsafe.

<u>Public Notification Plan:</u> Information associated with the closure will be made available to the public through media releases, partner organizations, and at Forest Service offices. The affected area will be posted with signs indicating the road is closed to public entry.

Enforcement Plan:

Action	Responsible Official	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Wilderness & Recreation Specialist	06/02/2016
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Patrol Captain	06/03/2016
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	6/21/2016
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	06/22/2016
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Public Affairs Officer	06/22/2016
District staff will be responsible for the management and enforcement of this closure. Any enforcement actions will be within normal policies and procedures established by the LEI Patrol Captain for the zone.	District Staff	Ongoing

